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Box No. I Basis of the report

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This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-8 _____ as originally filed/furnished
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 nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention relates to a fluid dispensing valve comprising a valve body and a valve that slides in said valve body between a rest position and a dispensing position; said valve comprises a dispensing port.

Such a valve is known from document US-A-3 581 958, which is the closest prior art. Said document discloses a valve including a one-piece valve stem axially guided by a guiding element consisting of the valve body. Said guiding element corresponds to a hollow through-sleeve of which the inside diameter is approximately equal to the outside diameter of the guided portion of the valve stem.

According to the invention, said valve comprises an axial guiding element engaging a guided portion of the valve, such that said guided portion is opposite said dispensing port. Said valve further comprises an upper portion comprising the dispensing port and a lower portion comprising said guided portion, said upper and lower portions being mounted one inside the other.

Document US-A-3 581 958 does not disclose a valve stem made of two portions mounted one inside the other with an

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upper portion comprising the dispensing port and a lower portion including the guided portion of the valve.

The subject matter of independent claim 1 is novel over US-A-3 581 958 (PCT Article 33(2)). A person skilled in the art cannot deduce the technical features of claim 1 directly and unambiguously. Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 also involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)). The subject matter of dependent claims 2 to 18 also meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

Furthermore, claims 1 to 18 are considered industrially applicable.